

The Presence of Government in the Daily Life of a Student

7:00 am — Wake up. Standard time set by the national government.

7:15 am — Shower: water courtesy of local government, either a public entity or a regulated private company.

7:20 am —have a bowl of cereal with milk for breakfast. Nutrition facts on food labels are a federal requirement. Pasteurization of milk required by state law. Recycling of the empty cereal box and milk carton enabled by state or local government.

7:30 am— Put on makeup, deodorant, perfume/cologne. All of the following items must be FDA approved.

8:00am —Drive or take public transportation to school. Airbags and seat belts required by federal and state laws. Roads and bridges paid for by state and local governments, speed and traffic laws set by state and local government. Public transportation subsidized by all levels of government.

8:05 am — Arrive on campus. Buildings are financed by state taxpayers.

8:10 am - 9:03: first class. Let's pretend it's Science. Textbooks/ standards provided by government. Chemistry lab paid for grants from the National Science Foundation (a federal agency.)

9:08 - 10:02 am: Let's say your second period is Math: Common Core standards dictate what materials we should teach. In addition, standardized tests for math are something we have all been through.

10:02-10:11 BIP: We all love pop tarts and BIP is a great time to get them. Even for something as simple as that however, government plays a big role. First, it must be FDA approved. In fact, in 1992 a man sued Kellogg because his pop tart got stuck in his toaster and caught on fire.

10:16-11:10 am: Third Period: Citizenship (YOUR FAVORITE CLASS!!) You might be taking this class because it is required by state legislature or because it fulfill graduation requirements

11-12:30 am — eat lunch -- Who remembers the whole lunch thing that Michelle Obama did? That is a great example.

12:44 -1:37 PM English class: literacy standards set by state government. The federal government is also involved through standardized tests.

1:42-2:35 pm: physical education: In order to combat obesity issues the country has faced, the federal government has set emphasis on health and fitness. This leads to more required credits in this area in order to graduate.

2:40 pm: Drive home. If it is snowing, a plow will come through and clean the roads. Maybe even fix potholes.

3:00 pm: go to work. Minimum wage is set by federal, state or local governments. In addition, you pay tax out of each paycheck

4:00 PM: No matter the type of job you have, several aspects are regulated through government agencies. Think of inspection that businesses go through regularly.

5:00 PM: Company is obligated to give you a lunch break.

6:00 PM: That energy drink or soda you had at lunch I. Probably kicking in at this point to help you combat the monotony of the job. Regulation on the amount of caffeine are highly controlled by government agencies. In addition, there is a recent controversy on how energy drinks should be sold. Should they be classified as sodas or supplements?

7:00 PM: Company obligated to give you a 15 minute break depending on how many hours you have worked that day

9:00 pm: Go home from work. Also students under a certain age cannot work past a certain time. Students cannot also work passed a certain amount of hours a week. When you drive home, Street lights have been paid for by the county and city government

10:00 pm: homework: to use a computer to do your homework or any technology to complete an assignment the software as well as the service

10:30 pm: Watch tv. Networks are regulated by federal government, cable public access channels required by law. Weather forecast provided by federal agency. For those that prefer netflix, censorship is